

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3314  
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ILLEGAL MINING IN SURAJKUND  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned 'Illegal mining going on near Surajkund' appearing in the 'Times of India' dated March 5, 2001;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the facts thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken against the defaulters;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to implement the Supreme Court's orders in this regard strictly?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Mines and Geology Department of the Government of Haryana who is the competent authority for granting mining lease in the area around Surajkund has found that three parties, namely, M/s B. P. Jain & Sons, M/s Ajay Enterprises and M/s Surajkund Properties Ltd. were engaged in mining of stone without prior permission.
- (c) & (d) A FIR has been lodged by Asstt. Mining Engineer against the offenders in the Faridabad Police Station on 28.02.2001. The State Govt. has also initiated action against these parties for recovery of the value and royalty on the stone mined illegally.
- (e) It has been reported by the Haryana Government that all the mining leases falling within 2 km of Surajkund and Badkhal Lakes (tourist complexes) either partially or fully have been prematurely terminated in compliance with the Supreme Court orders in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4677 of 1985. A permanent check post manned by the officials of Mines, Sales Tax and Police Departments has been set up near the outer periphery of the prohibited area to ensure that no illegal mining takes place.